

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1. (Previously presented) A pedal bracket structure comprising:

- a pedal bracket fixed at a front end portion to a toe board; and
- a pedal lever rotatably supported in a vicinity of a rear end portion of said pedal bracket via a pedal lever pivot,

wherein said pedal bracket comprises:

- an outwardly swollen rigidity supplementing portion in the vicinity of said front end portion of said pedal bracket, and
- a brittle portion at a rear side of said rigidity supplementing portion.

Claim 2. (Previously presented) The pedal bracket structure as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said brittle portion is ahead of said pedal lever pivot in a longitudinal direction of said pedal bracket.

Claim 3. (Previously presented) The pedal bracket structure as set forth in Claim 1, further comprising a rigidity increasing member between said pedal lever pivot and a vehicle body, and which is located at the rear of said pedal bracket.

Claim 4. (Previously presented) The pedal bracket structure as set forth in Claim 3, wherein said rigidity increasing member comprises:

- a switch bracket fastened to said pedal bracket together with said pedal lever pivot; and

a rigidity supplementing bracket disposed between said switch bracket and said vehicle body,

wherein said outwardly swollen rigidity supplementing bracket is aligned with and fixed to said switch bracket.

Claim 5. (Previously presented) The pedal bracket structure as set forth in Claim 2, further comprising a rigidity increasing member between said pedal lever pivot and a vehicle body, and which is located at the rear of said pedal bracket.

Claim 6. (Previously presented) The pedal bracket structure as set forth in Claim 5, wherein said rigidity increasing member comprises:

a switch bracket fastened to said pedal bracket together with said pedal lever pivot; and
a rigidity supplementing bracket disposed between said switch bracket and said vehicle body,

wherein said rigidity supplementing bracket is aligned with and fixed to said switch bracket.

Claim 7. (Canceled).

Claim 8. (Previously presented) The pedal bracket structure as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said brittle portion comprises a semi-circular shape.

Claim 9. (Previously presented) The pedal bracket structure as set forth in Claim 8, wherein said brittle portion has a semi-circular shaped hole formed therein.

Claim 10. (Previously presented) The structure of claim 4, wherein said switch bracket is saddle shaped.

Claim 11. (Previously presented) The structure of claim 6, wherein said switch bracket is saddle shaped.

Claim 12. (Previously presented) A pedal bracket structure comprising:
a pedal bracket fixed to a toe board; and
a pedal lever rotatably supported by said pedal bracket,
wherein said pedal bracket comprises:
an outwardly swollen rigidity supplementing portion formed toward front end portion of said pedal bracket; and
a brittle portion formed at a rear side of said outwardly swollen rigidity supplementing portion.

Claim 13. (Previously presented) The structure of claim 12, wherein said outwardly swollen rigidity supplementing portion comprises a swollen bead.

Claim 14. (Previously presented) The structure of claim 12, wherein said outwardly swollen rigidity supplementing portion comprises a curved rib.

Claim 15. (Previously presented) The structure of claim 12, wherein said pedal bracket further comprises a rigidity supplementing plate attached to said outwardly swollen rigidity supplementing portion.

Claim 16. (Previously presented) The structure of claim 12, wherein said brittle portion has a semi-circular hole formed therein.

Claim 17. (Previously presented) The structure of claim 12, wherein said brittle portion comprises a slit.

Claim 18. (Previously presented) The structure of claim 12, wherein said brittle portion comprises a thin portion.

Claim 19. (Previously presented) The structure of claim 12, wherein said outwardly swollen rigidity supplementing portion and said brittle portion are contiguous.

Claim 20. (Previously presented) The structure of claim 12, further comprising:
a saddle shaped switch bracket attached to a rear of said pedal bracket at said pedal pivot;

and

a rigidity supplementing bracket attached to said saddle shaped switch bracket and further mounted to a vehicle body.

Claim 21. (New) A pedal bracket comprising:

an outwardly swollen rigidity supplementing portion formed toward a front end portion of said pedal bracket; and

a brittle portion formed at a rear side of said outwardly swollen rigidity supplementing portion.